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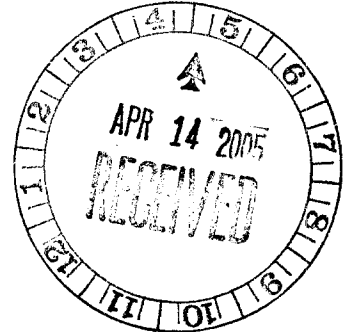
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April 14, 2005

BY HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: STB Docket No. NOR-42089
Albany & Eastern Railroad Company v.
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway
Company

Dear Secretary Williams:

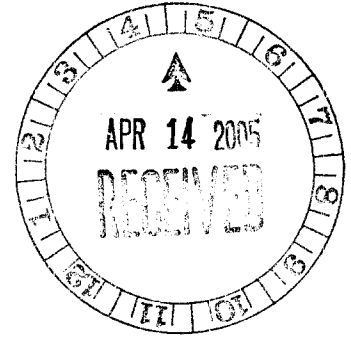
Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of BNSF's "Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer." Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy and return it in the enclosed self-stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

Enclosure

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



ALBANY & EASTERN RAILROAD
COMPANY,

Complainant

v.

BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY,

Defendant

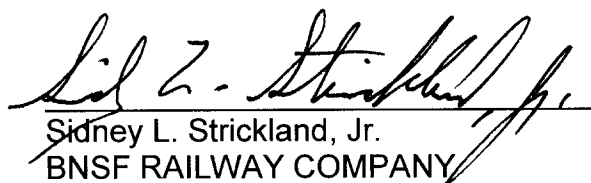
Docket No. NOR-42089

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER

On November 12, 2004, the Albany & Eastern Railroad Company ("AERC") filed a Complaint in the above-captioned proceeding seeking to commence arbitration of a dispute with The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (now named BNSF Railway Company) ("BNSF"). By decision served April 6, 2005, the Board granted a BNSF request for an extension of time to April 14, 2005, to file an answer to AERC's Complaint. BNSF needs more time to finalize its position and requests a further extension of time to April 28, 2005, to file an answer.

Counsel for AERC has authorized counsel for BNSF to represent that AERC does not oppose BNSF's request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sid L. Strickland, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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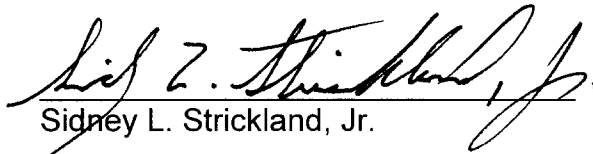
Dated: April 14, 2005

Attorney for BNSF Railway Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer" was served by overnight courier this 14th day of April 2005 on the following:

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